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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/550,494	Applicant(s) MATZIG, CHRISTOPH	
	Examiner Joseph C. Rodriguez	Art Unit 3653	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The use of references to claim numbers (see e.g., para. 8) to describe the subject matter within the specification is objected to as this practice may lead to an inaccurate specification when the claims have been amended or cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Matzig et al. ("Matzig")(US 2004/0064413).

The applied reference has a common inventor with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Matzig (Fig.) teaches an apparatus for executing a money deposit transaction, namely depositing bank notes comprising:

an input pocket (3) accessible during the ongoing money deposit transaction, for inserting bank notes to be deposited,

a checking device (10) arranged to check bank notes inserted into the input pocket at least as to the state of the bank notes and a fitness for circulation resulting therefrom (para. 29, 37-39),

a storage pocket (14) not accessible during the ongoing money deposit transaction,

a storage pocket (4, 5) freely accessible during the ongoing money deposit transaction,

a not accessible bank note cassette (15), and

a transport system (9) arranged to transport notes from the input pocket to the checking device, from the checking device to the freely accessible storage pocket, the not accessible storage pocket, and from this into the bank note cassette wherein: the checking device is arranged to check the bank notes inserted into the input pocket at least as to their fitness for circulation (para. 29, 37-39 teaching the transport of not recognized bank notes, under the control of the control unit, into a further, freely accessible storage pocket);

further comprising: a control unit (17) , arranged to actuate the transport system in such a way that bank notes not fit for circulation at least partially are transported into the not accessible storage pocket, and bank notes fit for circulation at

least partially are transported into the freely accessible storage pocket (para. 29-32);

a display and input unit (6), for the input of criteria for the transportation of the bank notes either or both fit for circulation and not fit for circulation into either or both the freely accessible storage pocket and the not accessible storage pocket (para. 31 et seq. and para. 13 teaching that criteria can be supplied remotely via data transmission thus it is implicit that unit is connected to cash desk). Further, Applicant is respectfully reminded that claim language consisting of functional language and/or intended use phrasing is given little, if any, patentable weight as the apparatus must merely be capable of functioning, or being used, as claimed. See MPEP 2112.02, 2114. Here, the device as cited above is certainly capable of having the criteria be changeable or relate to one or more of an amount, a number, a currency and a denomination of the bank notes. In fact, the device allows the user to input specific criteria (para. 34 et seq.). The method claims are anticipated in the normal operation of the device cited above.

Conclusion

Any references not explicitly discussed above but made of record are considered relevant to the prosecution of the instant application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Joseph C Rodriguez** whose telephone number is **571-272-6942** (M-F, 9 am – 6 pm, EST). The Supervisory Examiner is Patrick Mackey, **571-**

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272-6916. The **Official** fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

The examiner's **UNOFFICIAL Personal fax number** is **571-273-6942**.

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Signed by Examiner /Joseph Rodriguez/

Jcr

December 19, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Rodriguez', written over a horizontal line.